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NOTE FOR: DDCI

SUBJECT: Boland-Robinson Affair

Assumption: Attached notes are catalysts for stimulating your own "winging it."

Ironically, there is no cadre continuity here and no history, thus your own memory, from your several previous vantage points, is probably the best source of relevant commentary.

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Notes for the DDCI Speech at the Boland-Robinson Affair  
Wednesday, 26 September, 6:00 p.m.

The HPSCI was created by House Resolution 658, dated 14 July 1977.

Edward Boland is the first and only Chairman since the creation of the Committee. As such he has played a very large role in the formation of HPSCI, the way in which it operates, the size and make-up of its staff, its security procedures, and the degree to which it is willing to serve as a buffer between the Intelligence Community and the rest of the Congress.

Under his leadership, the intelligence budget has become a regularized albeit classified part of the Federal Budget. His Committee played a large role in the passage of significant pieces of legislation affecting the intelligence world such as the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, the Intelligence Oversight Act of 1980, the Intelligence Identities Protection Act of 1982, and the CIA Information Act now being considered.

His leadership has been fair, reasonably bipartisan, open and always in support of a strong U.S. intelligence function.

Kenneth Robinson is a charter Member of HPSCI, and became the Ranking Minority Member at the beginning of the 96th Congress (January 1979), replacing Representative Bob Wilson. Like Boland, Robinson is also a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, and he has exerted a strong interest in the development of budget authorization oversight in his six years on the Committee.

Ken Robinson is also a staunch believer in the necessity for bipartisan support for intelligence, and as such has proved a strong partner for Boland in running the Committee. He is an immensely likable person who has no trouble putting the interest of the country first. He is not only leaving the Committee, he is also retiring from Congress after fourteen years of service.

In addition to Boland and Robinson, other charter Members leaving the Committee at this time are Romano Mazzoli, Norman Mineta and Wyche Fowler. Also leaving because of maximum service but not charters are William Whitehurst and Bill Young. In addition, Albert Gore who has served four years is leaving to run for the Senate.